

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a barbecue grill assembly **10** comprising an upper frame assembly **12** and a lower frame assembly **14**. The lower frame assembly **14** comprises a shelf **50** and a plurality of lower frame members **26, 28** which define an interior space **40**. At least one frame member **28** has an aperture **80**. The shelf **50** has at least one pin **70** cooperatively dimensioned with the aperture **80**. The pin **70** is received by the aperture **80** to connect the shelf **50** to the lower frame members **26, 28** and form the lower frame assembly **14**. The shelf **50** has a perimeter that is cooperatively dimensioned with the interior space **40** such that the shelf **50** is positioned within the interior space **40**. The shelf **50** provides structural integrity to the lower assembly **14** such that the lower assembly **14** can support the upper assembly **12** and the cooking chamber **16**.